

Team to evaluate ESOH compliance

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Public affairs

A weeklong assessment by a team of Headquarters Air Education and Training Command personnel, contractors and experts from other bases is scheduled for Monday through Sept. 12.

The Environmental, Safety, Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program evaluation will determine how effectively Columbus AFB complies with federal and state ESOH laws and regulations, and Department of Defense and Air Force policies.

“Using a checklist, evaluation teams go throughout the base to measure compliance in 15 areas,” said 1st Lt. Gary Moore, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron integration and analysis officer.

The ESOHCAMP team will evaluate air emissions, cultural resources, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, natural resources, pesticides, solid waste, storage tanks, toxic substances, waste water, water quality, petroleum, oils and lubricants, safety and occupational health.

To prepare for the assessment, a team from safety, bio-environmental engineering and the environmental flight visited every area on base throughout the summer. The team used a checklist similar to ESOHCAMP’s to find potential problems and assist in fixing any areas of concern.

Individual shops ensured unit environmental plans, such as spill plans and hazardous waste management plans, were implemented.

“Other hot topics included having the correct Material Safety Data Sheets for each shop’s hazardous materials, compliance with the confined space program, and proper unit safety checklists,” said Michael Smith, 14th CES environmental flight chief.

Cooperation between the preliminary assessors and the Blaze community should ensure a successful visit from AETC, he and Lieutenant Moore agreed.

“Through the efforts of ESOHCAMP teams and base members, Columbus AFB has received zero notices of violation from the state or federal Environmental Protection Agency for the last 12 years,” Lieutenant Moore said. “The upcoming ESOHCAMP will help ensure that we continue to set the standard for environmental, safety and occupational health compliance in the command.”

For information, call Lieutenant Moore at Ext. 7974.



Kevin Sisson

Checking out the general

Brig. Gen. William Fraser III, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command director of operations, prepares Wednesday at aerospace physiology for his T-37 sortie Thursday under the watchful eyes of 1st Lt. Mike Stoddard, 41st Flying Training Squadron life support officer. General Fraser was the graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-14.

CAFB hunting season approaches

Airman Boto Best
Public affairs

A mandatory safety briefing for all sportsmen participating in the 2003 to 2004 Columbus AFB hunting season is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 at the Military Personnel Flight building in room 222.

Hunters must be active duty, reserve, retired or civil service.

“The purpose of the briefings is safety,” said 1st Lt. Ryan Nelson, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron safety officer in charge and base senior game warden. “We’ll also cover base hunting rules and regulations.”

BLAZE hunting fees are \$10 for E-1 to E-5, and \$20 for E-6 and above, civil service and retirees. Payments can be made in advance at the finance office in the MPF building.

Hunters must pay the annual fee and bring proof of pay-

ment to the briefing before they can hunt on base.

Also prior to attending the briefing, hunters must purchase a Mississippi hunting license at a sporting goods store.

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1972 must complete a hunter education course approved by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

“I was born before that date but I went ahead and took the course because I believe you’re never too old to learn something,” said Maj. Eddie Altizer, assistant operations officer, 41st Flying Training Squadron.

This course is available Oct. 18 at the Columbus Police Club or Dec. 6 at Caledonia High School. Both classes are 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and participants are asked to register in advance at 840-5172.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Trail, road closure

The walking trails and road to SAC Lake are closed through Sept. 15 for tree thinning around Camp Readiness. Personnel will not be permitted in the area during this time.

For more information, call Frank Lockhart at Ext. 3130.

First aid course

The American Red Cross offers first aid training at 6 p.m. Monday.

For more information call 328-5710.

Rape prevention/self-defense class

Safe Haven and the Wakaishu Judo Club sponsor a self-defense class from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the T.V. James Community Center.

For more information call 327-6040 or 327-2259.

Legal assistance change

The legal office serves walk-ins 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Appointments are required 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Ext. 7030.

TMO slowdown

The Transportation Management Office will be minimally manned from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays due to training.

For more information call Ext. 2684.

United Way benefit hunt

A dove hunt to benefit United Way is scheduled for 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 13 on Carson Road (Hwy. 792) 2.3 miles from Hwy. 45. Donations are \$20 per gun; \$10 for 15 years and younger. Hunters 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult over 21.

For more information call 243-4520.

Free movie preview

“*The Fighting Temptations*,” starring Cuba Gooding Jr, will show at 2 p.m. Sept 14 at the base theater. Free tickets to the movie are available at the base exchange until Sept. 13 and at the theater on the day of the show.

USAF Marathon caravan

A carpool caravan to Dayton, Ohio is scheduled to leave at 7 a.m. Sept. 18 from the community center.

For information call Tech. Sgt. Bill McKeon at Ext. 7763.

Year-end picnic

A base-wide picnic is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

A live band, carnival games, door prizes, and a pie-in-the-face event are planned.

Food will include hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, baked beans, slaw, chips, soda, water and beer.

See the Sept. 12 Silver Wings for more details.



Elizabeth Davis

Seamstress’s delight

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the September enlisted promotees. Pictured are (left to right): to airman, James Harris-Jordan, 41st Flying Training Squadron, Operations Group; to technical sergeant, Karl Hudson, 14th Medical Group; to senior airman, Aric Bramlett, 14th Communications Squadron; to staff sergeant, Kaven Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing, Command Post; and to technical sergeant, Anthony Clark, AF Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 406.

International student spotlight

Home: Rome, Italy

Misses about home: I miss the food and good Italian wine.

Aircraft: I really want to fly a Tornado. I think it is the best aircraft we have and I am really looking forward to it.

Likes about Columbus: Pretty close to big cities and you can easily reach these places. It’s a good place to study and the flying is great.



Tornado



1st Lt. Stefano Centioni
Italian Air Force

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The hunting schedule for the 2003 to 2004 season is:
Deer

- ❑ Archery Oct. 1 to Jan. 31
- ❑ Black powder Nov. 22 to Jan. 31
- ❑ Shotgun Nov. 22 to Dec. 1; Dec. 16 to Jan. 21
- ❑ Youth Nov. 15 to Nov. 16

Rabbit

- ❑ Oct. 18 to Feb. 8

Squirrel

- ❑ Oct. 4 to Feb. 28
- ❑ Youth Sept. 27 to Sept. 28

Turkey

- ❑ March 20 to May 1
- ❑ Youth March 13 to March 14

During hunting season, pedestrians are strongly encouraged to wear orange vests when running or walking in the woods.

Lieutenant Nelson said to wear orange, white or colors that stand out during hunting season. Dusk and dawn are the most dangerous times of the day, he said.

Major Altizer recommended avoidance strategy.

“Stay on the road, don’t wander off and good common sense will keep you safe,” he said.

He also advised hunters not to hunt alone.

“There is really good hunting on base, but the chances of a good hunt are better with two people than with one. Besides, it’s safer.”

For more information, call Ext. 7942.

Youth leadership program begins second phase

Airman Boto Best
Public affairs

The second phase of the Columbus AFB Drug Education for Youth program begins Sept. 20. at the Family Support Center.

DEFY is a free substance abuse prevention program for children ages nine to 12 that uses modern methods to keep them healthy and drug-free.

Phase one, July 7 to 12, involved 24 children and volunteers.

“It was a leadership-building program to provide children with the tools, self-worth and value they need to say ‘no’ to violence, drugs and gangs,” said Julie Owens, Drug Demand Reduction program manager. “Phase two focuses on mentoring and parent participation.”

From September to May, the children attend monthly mentoring workshops. They learn about personal safety, relationships, study skills, gang resistance, community service and cultural connections.

“We bring in guest speakers, go out on field trips and do community service. We utilize local and base resources. We bring in security forces, police officers and systems workers to talk about Internet safety. We do role-playing so that they can really see how someone could try to lure them on the Internet,” Ms. Owens said. “We also bring in community leaders and people who are role models.”

The “Cultural Connectivity” Thanksgiving is one of the highlights of the program. The show and tell buffet focuses on cultural differences and diversity by allowing the children to bring dishes from their various cultures and share them with one another.

“The program makes a difference because it helps the children to be well-rounded. It addresses today’s critical issues for kids as well as being a leadership and team-building program,” Ms. Owens said.

“You have to start early these days. Department of Defense surveys show a measurable positive outcome and nine to 12 years old is the prime time.”

Katie Jobes, nine, said she decided to join the program because she didn’t think she knew enough about drugs.



Photo courtesy Julie Owens

Joe Alford, volunteer and school teacher, watches children perform a physical fitness team activity during phase one of the DEFY program in July. Phase two is scheduled to begin Sept. 20.

“I learned about a lot of different drugs, including tobacco, and what they can do to you. I also learned that most drugs are addictive,” Katie said. “I would encourage other children to join the program because some of them don’t know enough about drugs.”

Katie said she also learned leadership skills.

“It taught me how to be a team player and not to just think for myself. I also learned that when you’re mad at someone, you have to reason with them.”

When the children graduate, volunteers connect them with other positive youth programs in order to reinforce the skills they learned, Ms. Owens said.

Anyone who works on base and is 21 or older is eligible to volunteer. Volunteers undergo background screening and 20 hours of training.

Team leaders and children who completed phase one and want to sign up for phase two, and anyone interested in volunteering can contact Ms. Owens at Ext. 2353.

HAWC offers lunch hour aerobics, circuit classes

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The Health and Wellness Center will introduce new fitness classes Sept. 16 to address the needs of an at-risk population, the BLAZE enlisted female.

The goal of the program is to help Columbus AFB women remain within Air Force weight standards by developing routine exercise habits.

“Columbus AFB has three times the Air Force and Air Education and Training Command rate of enlisted females on the Weight and Body Fat Management Program,” said Capt. Tammy Davidson, Military Equal Opportunity chief.

body mass index, which is tracked by the HAWC, and body fat percentage, which is monitored by the base WBFMP manager, support Captain Davidson’s statement.

Some enlisted females are mothers with childcare concerns who have a difficult time working fitness in before or after the duty day. The HAWC partnered with the Fitness Center to offer additional lunchtime fitness opportunities for this target population. Classes will be in the group aerobics room of the Fitness and Sports Center Tuesday through Friday at noon.

Two different formats will be offered: Tuesdays and Thursdays will be circuit training, and Wednesday and Friday will be step aerobics. All classes will be 45 minutes.

“The formats we chose were based on effectiveness and what appeals to the age group of the target population,” said Capt. Nina Perino, Health Promotion manager. “We opted for a 45-minute class to increase the likelihood that a supervisor would extend an individual’s lunch hour to 75 minutes to allow participation.”

Participants should combine the two formats to create an effective weekly routine.

Anthony Cook, Fitness Program manager, said “The American College of Sports Medicine recommends aerobic conditioning a minimum of three times weekly and strength training twice weekly. By adding a circuit class, both requirements can be met,” said.

The HAWC will also invite participants

to attend the Sensible Weigh Program.

“A healthy nutrition plan is a key component of any weight loss or weight gain prevention program,” said Master Sgt. Gilbert Shrieves, dietary therapist.

Classes will be offered on a three-month trial basis. If well received, the HAWC will continue them on a permanent basis, Captain Perino said. Although the program targets enlisted females, all active duty women are invited to participate. Members who participate three times weekly for a minimum of eight consecutive weeks during the 90-day period will receive an incentive item from the HAWC.

Questions about HAWC fitness classes can be directed to Anthony Cook at Ext. 2908.

September 11, 2001 — we will never forget

Sarah Anne Carter
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs
Wright-Patterson AFB

I, Sarah Anne Carter ...

The pictures are considered stock photography by most news organizations now. News organizations use the photos today to emphasize a news event, usually involving terrorism or, most recently, the release of the report about how U.S. intelligence acted prior to that day. Yet, every time I stumble upon a picture from Sept. 11, 2001, I pause. The pictures still affect me.

... having been appointed to government civil service in the United States Air Force ...

My current position doesn’t quite show how loyal to the Air Force and my country I am. People I’ve met in this professional environment often joked that I’m blue through and through.

I was born at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., to a young airman and his wife. I grew up on military installations across the United States and in several foreign countries.

My family bonded through the experiences of moving, separations due to schools and the countless temporary

duties. And now that I’ve grown up, I’m working for the Air Force.

... do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; ...

My first day of permanent civil service, I took the oath. And it truly meant something. I had seen enemies attack my country several months before.

When I went to work on Sept. 11, 2001, evil men were plotting to destroy the lives of hundreds of innocent people. I was in shock with the rest of America when the World Trade Center towers were attacked.

And then the terrorists got personal. They hijacked a plane and directed it straight toward the Pentagon where my father was sitting in his blue uniform serving his country.

... that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. ...

Many hours were spent that morning wondering how many members of my family would be alive at the end of the day. One of my brothers and I were relatively safe in

Omaha, Neb., although when the president landed at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., I’m sure that city became a target.

My mother and my other brother were in Washington, D.C. I received several panicked phone calls from my mother who was not only wondering where her husband might be and when her son might be able to get home from a local high school, but if she should evacuate her housing at Bolling AFB, D.C., after she heard a loud explosion.

... SO HELP ME GOD.

Each minute that morning seemed to last forever. And then the phone rang, and I heard my father’s voice.

The day ended and all five of us considered ourselves immensely blessed to still have an intact family. So many people that day did not have the same ending.

All five of us pause when we are reminded of that day, whether it’s when we see the pictures on the news or hear conversations about that day. On Sept. 11, 2003 — two years later — I plan to walk in to work at an organization where I’m serving my country, and my father will walk into the Pentagon wearing his uniform proudly.

My mother and brothers will count their blessings. And I know that sometime during that day, we will all take time to pause.

Sept. 11, 2001 — we will never forget. (AFPN)

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer.

All names received are kept confidential.

Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



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Responsible owners spay or neuter pets

Jennifer Grassley
Columbus-Lowndes County Humane Society Volunteer

The Columbus-Lowndes County Humane Society, although not impressive in size, more than compensates for this deficit by the enormous task it undertakes on a daily basis.

Not only does it house a seemingly endless variety of cats and dogs, but here you will find some of the most selfless, compassionate people under one roof. Thelma Pugh, for example, has been on the shelter’s board of directors for the past seven years. During this time, she and others have dedicated time, effort and resources to improve the facilities, increase the adoption rate, and educate the public on animal welfare. This includes the key responsibility of ensuring pets are spayed and neutered.

Topping the shelter’s list of accomplishments in recent years is the implementation of its Spay and Neuter program in April 2002. Doctors Tom McCain and Phil Bushby, and students from the Mississippi State University School of Veterinary Medicine, visit the shelter throughout the month to spay and neuter adopted animals. The procedure is included in the \$40 adoption fee, although; new owners may choose to have it performed elsewhere at their own expense.

The operating room is located on site and after surgery, each animal is covered with a blanket and placed in a stall to recuperate. Workers exchange observations on the animals’ progress-if one appears homesick it receives a little more attention. It’s nothing fancy, but it’s evidence that they’re in good hands. These are the lucky ones.

There appears to be no ebb and flow in the tide of homeless animals that the shelter receives. The shelter averages 350 animals each month, a whopping 4,000 a year.

Of this number, some will be fortunate enough to find a good home. Others will not, becoming one of millions of healthy animals that face an untimely death because they’re unwanted. Cuddly, little bundles of fur grow up to be a little too big, somewhat incompatible, or more effort than originally anticipated. Or, so goes the line of excuses shelters typically hear.

Often, certain breeds fall victim to current pet fads. Many Dalmatian breeders ramped up with litters of puppies to satisfy the public’s new desire for these puppies after Disney released its latest Dalmatian movie. Unfortunately, many people were unprepared for the large, high-energy dogs that these pups grew up to be, and shelters were flooded.

Enter the animal rescue groups. These groups help find homes for a particular breed of dog that has worn out its welcome in the workplace or society, (i.e., Dalmatians, Greyhounds, etc.). These matchmaker groups work with Humane Societies to see that these breeds are adopted. This can mean driving a certain leg of a trip to ensure the animal meets up with its new soul mate, (Angels on Wheels), or simply providing foster care until a match is found.

HOPE, (Helping Our Pets Express) is a group which fosters various breeds with treatable illnesses, such as heartworms, during their convalescence. PetSmart has generously teamed up with local Humane Societies to also offer animal adoptions.

With perseverance, the CLCHS has made headway, but a lot remains to be done. Perhaps one of the biggest tasks is getting the word out. If you’re looking for a beautiful, healthy pet, from a frisky canine to a laid-back cat, look to the Humane Society. Adopting saves lives.

Practice pet responsibility if you already own a cat or dog. If the animal is outside, ensure adequate shade, water and flea protection. If you absolutely cannot take



Airman Boto Best
Tech. Sgt. Bill McKeon’s adopted dog, Gracie, jumps for a cookie. Sergeant McKeon, a contract administrator with the 14th Contracting Squadron, found the 10-month-old golden retriever on base.

your pet with you when you move, make every effort to find it a good home. Don’t leave it to fend for itself. More than likely it will meet a sad demise rather than good fortune.

The shelter at 13 Airline Rd. always appreciates volunteers. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information call 327-3107.

-- Try to limit the number of streets your children have to cross and keep the route as simple as possible.

-- Practice the route with your children and have them do it at least once on their own before the first day of school so they feel comfortable.

-- Instruct them to keep away from vacant lots, fields and any other locations that have few people around.

-- Children should not walk alone, especially if they are young. Child predators look for children who are alone. It is much more difficult to deal with a group of children, so they normally do not.

Not only should parents remind children about the inherent risks associated with going to school or coming home safely, they should make a conscious effort to be aware of the small children trying to make it to their destination. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

AF veteran, civil servant recounts half century in safety

Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady
Public affairs

Some know him as Z-man, the fellow with the funny last name.

Others know him as Candyman, the nice gent who always has a pocket full of root beer barrels or peppermints to share.

Almost everyone knows him as The Safety Guy.

By any name, ground explosives safety manager and occupational safety health manager Ted Zoska was a 14th Flying Training Wing institution.

Mr. Zoska’s Air Force career began nearly 50 years ago and ended Wednesday when he retired.

“We were barely separate from the Army and still wearing brown shoes when I joined the Air Force in 1954,” he said. “I started out as a cop and didn’t retrain into safety until I’d been in 12 years.”

Many of Mr. Zoska’s duty stations are no longer home to any military members.

“My first base was Sampson, a former Navy base in New York,” he said. “From there I went to Bolling, in D.C., then Prestwick, in Scotland, where I found my wife.”

Still a military policeman, Mr. Zoska served at Lockborn AFB (now Rickenbacker AFB, Mich.) from 1958 to 1961, and RAF Lackenheath, England, from 1961 to 1965, before moving to



Airman Boto Best
Ted Zoska (right), 14th Flying Training Wing safety manager, conducts seatbelt checks along with Army Specialist Jason Jefferson and Army Sgt. Carlton White, security forces officers, at the south gate. Mr. Zoska retired Wednesday.

Loring AFB, Maine, where he retrained into safety.

“The vice commander at Loring had been my squadron commander when I first came in, and he knew I wanted to change career fields,” Mr. Zoska said.

Mr. Zoska was the ground safety

manager at Kurat Royal Thai AFB from 1966 to 1968, and at RAF Mildenhall, England, until 1972 when he came to Columbus AFB.

“I gave up E-8 and retired when they tried to send me to Greenland,” he said. “I worked at the post office in 1974 and

Responsible parents teach children bus safety

Staff Sgt. Wallace Greenwood
56th Fighter Wing Safety Office, Luke AFB

As the new school year begins, students and parents should keep in mind safety concerns associated with going back to school.

For many of the more than 23 million students nationwide, the journey back and forth to school will involve riding on a school bus.

According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2001, 26 students were killed and 9,000 injured in school bus accidents. The majority of deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.

Remember these safety tips:

-- Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

-- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing. Do

not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

-- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

-- Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

-- If you drop something near the bus, tell the driver before picking it up.

-- Never put your head, arms or hands out the window.

-- Keep aisles clear. Books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.

-- At a stop, wait for the bus to halt completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the handrail.

-- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you are able to turn around and see the driver. Make sure the driver sees you.

Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross. When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

-- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe to begin walking.

-- Stay away from the bus's rear wheels at all times.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, you should not rely on them to do so. Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 5 to 14.

If your children walk instead of riding a bus, follow these tips:

-- Plan the route for them to follow.

-- Review with them the correct way to cross the street.

-- Teach them to always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.



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B-1B, Dyess AFB, Texas

Twenty-nine officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be Air Force pilots.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. William Fraser III, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command director of operations.

General Fraser is responsible for developing policies and programming resources for Air Force technical and aircrew training.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. Thomas Conley, T-1A, and 2nd Lt. John DeLion, T-38, received the AETC Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 1st Lt. Robert Hamilton, T-1A, and 2nd Lt. Keagan McLeese, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Conley and DeLion were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft

flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

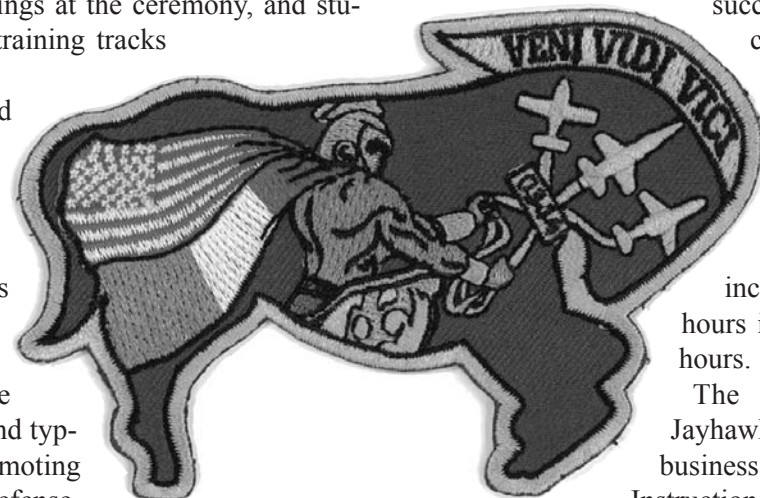
Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Caldwell Properties and NBC Bank.)*



AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

IN THE THEATER

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Today

“Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life” (PG-13, 110 min.)
Starring: Angelina Jolie and Gerard Butler.

Saturday

“Pirates of the Caribbean” (PG-13, action/adventure, violence, 143 min.)
Starring: Johnny Depp and Geoffrey Rush.

Sept. 12

“Seabiscuit” (PG-13, language, some sexual situations, and sports-related violence, 141 min.)
Starring: Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges.

ON CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.
Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood at Ext. 7065 for more information.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News

Monday through Sept. 12
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
CLEP Tapes:
Social Science

FAMILY SUPPORT

Entrepreneur seminar: A small business development seminar is scheduled for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.
To register call Ext. 2839.

Transition Assistance Program: A TAP workshop is scheduled for Tuesday to Thursday. Anyone within a year of retirement or separation is eligible to attend.
To register, call Ext. 2839.

Retirement health benefits: A health benefits briefing for future retirees is scheduled for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.
To register call Ext. 2839.

Unemployment benefits: A Mississippi Employment Security Commission briefing is scheduled for 9:50 to 10:20 a.m. Thursday.
To register call Ext. 2839.

Veterans Affairs: A Dept. of V.A. briefing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday.
To register call Ext. 2839.

HeartLink spouse orientation: Active duty enlisted and officer spouses new to Columbus or to the military are invited to a free, interactive orientation program from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 15.
Participants will learn about benefits, protocol, military lifestyle and local conditions, meet other spouses, and win prizes. Vouchers for childcare are available if needed, and lunch is provided. Seats are limited.
To register call Ext. 2631.

Stress Busters: An interactive workshop to teach techniques for reducing or alleviating stressors is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sept. 18.
To register call Ext. 2631 by Sept. 16.

Job Fair Preparation: A workshop to prepare for the upcoming employment expo is scheduled for 9-10 a.m. Sept. 17.
For more information, or to register, call Ext. 2839.

Employment Expo: The Golden Triangle Employment Expo is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Trotter Convention Center.
For a list of employers attending, visit www.jobfairs.ms.gov.

Computer studies: Self-paced pro-



Airman Boto Best

Facelift

Jacob Jansen and David Burditt of Hammer Construction install chapel doors Thursday. They painted and finished the chapel's new porch.

grams for learning Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage, and PhotoDraw are available. Each program has three levels of expertise.
For more information call Ext. 2839.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. daily.
For more information call Ext. 2794.

Pre-separation counseling: Counseling is mandatory and may be completed up to one year prior to retirement or separation.
For more information call Ext. 2839.

Fam-Link e-mail newsletter: Sign up to receive “What’s Happening” electronically. Send your request to FSC@columbus.af.mil.
For more information call Lee Chouinard at Ext. 2631.

BASE NOTES

Catholic confirmation: A confirmation class for Catholics 14 years and older, including active duty personnel, meets at

6:30 p.m. Saturdays in the chapel conference room. The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated in spring 2004.
For more information, or to register, call Bruny Torres at Ext. 2500.

Boy Scouts: Troop 52 Demo Day practice is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the community center. A campout, canoe race and snorkeling event with Troops 1 and 62 are scheduled for Sept. 13-14 at Camp Pratt. An outdoor skills event is scheduled for Sept. 20 at the Troop 1 Scout Hut.
For more information call Lawrence Pitts at Ext. 2310.

Cub Scouts: Pack 52 is registering first through fifth grade boys interested in Cub Scouting. The council is also recruiting adult leaders.
For more information call Maj. Bruce Robertson at 241-5024 or Ext. 3569.

Toddler play group: The Little Me Play Group meets from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the youth center. Infants and toddlers up to age two are welcome.
For more information call Valerie Manning at Ext. 5370.

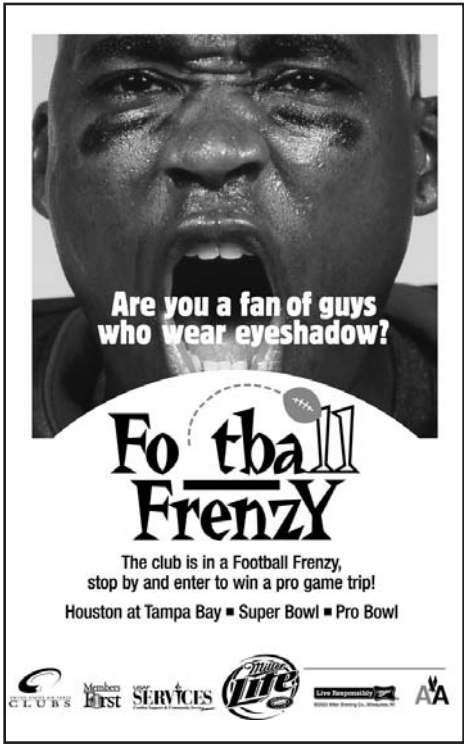
Library hours: Effective today, for a three-week trial period, the library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays. All other hours remain unchanged.
For more information call Ext. 2934.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom.
Play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot is unclaimed.
Admission fee for nonmembers is \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players.
For more information call Ext. 2489.

Comedy night: The Columbus Club Features Robert York and David Graham at 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.
For more information call Ext. 2489.

Fish and chips: Strike Zone Lanes will serve a fish and chips special from 5 until 7 p.m. Sept. 12. Four fish strips, crosscut fries, cole slaw, hushpuppies and a small drink cost \$4.75.
For more information call Ext. 2426.

Ladies scramble social tickets: Social tickets are available for the Three Ladies Scramble dinner and entertainment at 6 p.m. Sept. 13.
Tickets may be purchased at the pro shop or the Columbus Club. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.
For more information call Ext. 7932.



1st Lt. Brandy Hewins

Water jockey

Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, tries one of the new watercraft available for checkout at outdoor recreation. Rental is \$50 per half day up to 2 p.m. and \$100 per full day. Weekend rental rates apply to any three-day period with return due by noon on the third day. For reservations call Ext. 7861.

National Football League trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to New Orleans to watch the Saints play the Houston Texans Sept. 14.
Cost is \$99 per person and includes transportation, one night's lodging (double occupancy) at the Radisson on Canal Street and a ticket to the game.

The bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. Sept. 13 and return Sunday evening.
The next NFL trip, to watch the Saints play the Chicago Bears, is scheduled for October 11 to 12.
For more information, or to make a reservation, call Ext. 7861.

Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers a brunch for all ranks from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 14. Cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.
For more information call Ext. 2489.

Youth center newcomers orientation: The youth center offers a program for base newcomers, to include parents and children, who are interested in learning what the center has to offer. The next orientation is at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16.
For more information call Ext. 2504.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers adult and youth crafts classes. The adult classes include a dryer vent pumpkin Tuesday, Ghostie the yard decoration Sept. 16, Otis Ryan the scarecrow Sept. 23 and LeRoy the scarecrow on Sept. 30.

The youth classes include a wood block pumpkin Wednesday, a trick-or-treat bag on Sept. 17 and a pumpkin votive on Sept. 24.
Register at least four days in advance by calling Ext. 7836.

Parents day out/Give Parents a Break: The child development center and family support center offer these programs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20. Deadline to register is Sept. 17 at the child development center for parents day out and at the family support center for the Give Parents a Break program.
For more information call Ext. 2486 or 2790 respectively.

Youth center dance: The youth center offers a dance for preteens and teens from 8 to 11 p.m. Sept. 20.
Member cost is \$2 for teens and \$1 for preteens. Nonmember cost is \$4 for teens and \$3 for preteens. Preteens must leave by 9:30 p.m.
For more information call Ext. 2504.

Photography and art contests: Deadline for entering the skills development center’s annual photography contest is Oct. 10; deadline for the artist/craftsman's contest is Oct. 17.
Competition is open to youth (ages 17 and younger) and adults.
Stop by the center or call Ext. 7836 .

"Happy Burger" meal: Stop by the Columbus Club Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to order a

Happy Burger, fries and a drink for \$3.95; nonmembers pay \$5.95.
A la carte menu and take-out orders are also available.
To order call Ext. 2489.

Preschool story time: The library seeks volunteers to read for preschool story time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Programs last about 30 minutes.
To volunteer call Ext. 2934 .

Skeet and trap range: Open shooting is every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
For more information call Ext. 7861.

Boy Scout meeting: The Boy Scouts meet Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the youth center.
For more information call Ext. 2504.

Quick shot bingo: The bowling center offers quick shot bingo any time the bowling center is open.
Cash prizes are awarded. Cards are \$1 each.

Youth classes: The youth center offers instruction in karate, voice, tumbling, guitar, tennis, dance and sign language.
For more information call Ext. 2504.

Birthday parties: Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person.
Stop by to pick up a brochure describing each package. For more information call Ext. 2426.

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Call-in ads are not accepted, but calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday before publication can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as babysitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

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Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:
Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐



Kevin Sisson

Fame awaits

Kenn Brown and Elizabeth Davis, 14th Flying Training Wing visual information photographers, look over an upcoming newspaper cover illustration. Kenn Brown Photography's exhibit opening and reception is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the newly renovated Rosenzweig Arts Center. The Columbus Arts Council will celebrate the reopening of the center with activities for the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Features will include Articipation Kids Club, artist demonstrations, pottery painting, class registration, Suzuki Strings at 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and a Columbus Community Theater one-act play, "Lord Byron's Love Letter," at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, call (662) 328-(ARTS) 2787 or visit www.columbusarts.org.

Columbus tour: The Columbus Historic Foundation sponsors a bus tour of historic Columbus Saturday. Buses are scheduled to leave at 9 a.m. from the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center at 300 Main Street. The tour includes homes, churches, cemeteries and historic roadways in the three Columbus districts on the National Register of Historic Places. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch at the Backdoor Restaurant. Souvenir tickets are available at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center. For more information call 329-5300 or (800) 920-3533.

Williams Weekend: The 2nd Annual Tennessee Williams Tribute & Tour of Victorian Homes is scheduled for Thursday to Sept. 14 in Columbus. Scholars' presentations are free. Tickets are required for luncheons, a Moon Lake party, two Tennessee Williams plays and the home tour. Volunteers will be at the welcome center for ticket pick-up and sales from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 and 13, and noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 14.

Charity sale: McRae's Charity Sale is scheduled for Sept. 13. Tickets for the special sale are \$5 each and available at the Columbus Arts Council on Main Street in downtown Columbus. The proceeds from the tickets will go to the Columbus Arts Council and the Rosenzweig Arts Center. For more information call 328-2787.

Chili cook-off: The "Great Bowls of Fire" chili cook-off is scheduled for Sept. 20 to 21 in Robinsonville, Miss. The outdoor event includes four cooking contests, a recreational vehicle exhibit and musical entertainment. For more information about participation or hotel rates, contact Sandra Henley at shenley@tunica.harrahs.com or (662) 357-2742 or visit www.harrahs.com and click "promotions" on the Tunica site.

MUW lunch and learn: The Mississippi University for Women Culinary Arts Institute lunch and learn series begins in September and lasts through May. Each year the series focuses on a different aspect of culinary arts. The cost is \$18 per person. Due to limited space, participation in this event can only be guaranteed with payment. For more information contact the Culinary Arts Institute at 241-7472.

Softball playoffs begin

CES Team 1, OSS Team 1 advance to finals

1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
Public affairs

The 14th Civil Engineering Squadron Team 1 played the 50th Flying Training Squadron Team 2 on Tuesday in the first game of the intramural softball playoffs.

The game began with the 50th up to bat, putting runners on first and third with a pair of grounders. Pop flies allowed the runners to get around the bases, but CES outfielders snagged all three, holding the 50th down to two runs. A double followed by two base hits allowed the CE team to get a run in before a popped-up foul was caught by



Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady

Jeremy Simmons, 50th Flying Training Squadron Team 2, heads home on Sean Canfield's sacrifice to left field. Civil Engineering Squadron Team 1 beat the 50th FTS 14-8 in the first game of the playoffs Tuesday.

50th FTS catcher Kevin Walsh to close the first inning.

The 50th came out swinging in the top of the second inning, loading the bases early and batting in four runs. The 50th was just as successful in the field, with the first CE batter's fly ball caught in center field and the next two batters tagged out by first baseman Jeff Lederhouse.

Neither team scored in the third inning, and the fourth began with the 50th leading 6-1. CE's fielding held the 50th to one run, and their batting further closed the gap when Frank Hood hammered one over the fence with runners on first and second base. Another run by CE brought the score to 7-5 at the end of the fourth inning.

The 50th scored once in the fifth, while CE managed three more runs, bringing the score up to 8-8.

In the sixth inning, the CE infield came alive, with the first two 50th batters thrown out at first base, and the third batter thrown out at second. At bat, a series of base hits gave CE an RBI, and a fielder-evading line drive down the third base line brought in three more runs. CE finished up their comeback with a two-run homer.

50 FTS staged a strong last effort to regain their lead at the top of the seventh inning, sending three hits deep into the outfield only to be caught by CE fielders to end the game with a CE victory, 14-8.

"The same group of guys have been playing together for about six years, so I would say we have a very solid squad," said John Lewis, 14 CES coach. "Do I think we can win the championship again? Yes we can."

CES is scheduled to play Operations Support Squadron Team 1 at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The winner of that game will meet the losers' bracket winner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.



Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady

Frank Hood, Civil Engineering Squadron Team 1, pops up a foul in the first inning of game one against 50th Flying Training Squadron Team 2. CES won two games against 50th FTS Team 2 and DynCorp Tuesday.

SHORTS

Tumbling tots

Classes for ages 18 months through 4 take place from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Youth Center starting Sept. 9. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth basketball

A one-on-one basketball tournament starts at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12. The tournament is free and open to youth ages 9-18. Deadline for registration is Sept. 8. Call Ext. 2504.

AF birthday run/walk

A 1.5 mile walk or a 5K run starts at 8 a.m. on Sept. 19. Various door prizes are up for grabs. Events are open to contestants of all ages. Call Ext. 2773.

No-tap bowling

No-tap bowling begins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the bowling alley. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling expertise not required, just have fun! Call Ext. 2426.

Fishing rodeo

A youth fishing rodeo runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 27 at Lake Lowndes State Park. Register by Sept. 22 at the Youth Center. Park entry fee is \$5. Call Ext. 2504.

Thursday scrambles

Thursday scrambles start at 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the golf course. Register by 4 p.m. Entry is \$5 per play plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932.

Fitness 101

A class teaches how to find target heart rate, use the fitness equipment and get results. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2773.

Super circuit training

A new class focuses on the benefits on circuit training. Classes are by appointment only. Fitness 101 is a prerequisite. Call Ext. 2773.

Horsemanship

Flying M EZ Riders teach horsemanship for the beginning or advanced rider. Cost ranges from \$8.50 to \$17 per person for 30-minute sessions. Call 434-6627.

Whispering Pines Golf Club Championship

Champions:
Bart Bartowick (M)
Toni Holcomb (W)

Championship Flight:
Bart Bartowick
Gene Holcomb (handicap)

1st Flight:
Darrell Petters
Sam Barnette (handicap)

2nd Flight:
Chuck Jones
Doug Lee (handicap)

3rd Flight:
Gene Gjerde
Bill Maddox (handicap)